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Office Action Summary

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 August 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 31 May 2001 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Drawings

New corrected drawings are required in this application because Figs. 2-4 are too dark and the characters and the reference numbers cannot be read. Applicant is advised to employ the services of a competent patent draftsman outside the Office, as the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office no longer prepares new drawings. The corrected drawings are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The requirement for corrected drawings will not be held in abeyance.

The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Therefore, the "at least two data values which may be entered in the one data entry field", as recited in claim 1, lines 10-11, and "if a match is found, displaying the or each corresponding further data entry field according to the stored attribute data", as recited in claims 1 and 3, must be shown or the feature(s) canceled from the claim(s). No new matter should be entered.

A proposed drawing correction or corrected drawings are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

Claims 1-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not

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described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention.

Regarding claim 1, lines 10-11, it is not clear what exactly the applicant mean by reciting "storing data values one further data entry field for each of at least two data values which may be entered in the one data entry field". On page 4, of the specification, the applicant mentions about the data entry field 20, the further data entry fields 22, and alternative set of data entry field 24, however, these reference numbers can not be seen from the drawings.

Furthermore, claim 1, lines 16-18, "if a match is found; displaying the or each corresponding further data entry field according to the stored attribute data", it is not clear what is "the or each" means.

Regarding claim 3, with respect to the at least one data entry field (lines 25-26) and further data entry fields, note the rejection as set forth above with respect to claim 1, since on page 4, of the specification, the applicant mentions about the data entry field 20, the further data entry fields 22, and alternative set of data entry field 24, however, these reference numbers can not be seen from the drawings.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Norden-Paul et al (5,410,704).

Regarding claims 1-3, as best understood, Norden-Paul et al discloses (Figs. 3, 4, and 18A-18C) a system for controlling the appearance of a data entry form on a display which it is connected for use in entering data into a database (115, 116), the system comprising a store for storing attribute data (attribute look up table) defining attributes of a data entry form (form manager 111); and a controller (application program 114 and forms manager 111) for causing the data entry form to be displayed on a display in accordance with the stored attribute data, and for monitoring data values entered into the data entry field (column 6, line 49 to column 7, line 28); comparing the data value with prestored data values for data entry field (column 7, lines 38-48); and column 17, line 22 to column 19, line 5).

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

-Smith et al (6,609,100) disclose (Figs. 1-3) a data processing system provides development of complex schedule plans under user control by using sorting and grouping processing to interface between a relational database and a scheduler application.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to LUU MATTHEW whose telephone number is (703) 305-4850. The examiner can normally be reached on 9 hrs.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, RAZAVI MICHAEL can be reached on (703) 305-4713. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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